



Ravens Class Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4 (2020)

Important Dates:

•6th January 2020
Scientific Exploration Week

22nd January 2020
School Trip
Roman Museum - Canterbury

2nd March 2020
School Trip
Kent Life - Centurion Day

18th March 2020
Mother's Day Lunch Option 1

20th March 2020
Mother's Day Lunch Option 2

27th March 2020
Learning Exhibition

PE:

- We will be doing PE on Friday afternoons but we may take part in other sports throughout the week so please make sure appropriate kit and footwear are in school throughout the term.
- If PE kits are not in school, phone calls home will be made.

Homework/Reading:

- Family learning will be given out on a Friday. If your child comes home without their books then a copy can always be found on the school blog.
- Times tables are a focus this year as your child will take part in a national assessment in June. Please help them to achieve the best possible outcome by practising these at home.
- Reading is also a homework expectation which we would expect to be happening at least three times a week. Please sign their reading record books so they are in with a chance of winning one of the weekly prizes.

Welcome back to Year 4!

Welcome back to Phoenix after the Christmas break. I hope you had a good summer and both you and your child are feeling well rested and ready for the new challenges Year 4 has in store. Our Science Topic this term is 'Sound', if any of you have a special interest in this, please let us know if you would like to come in and talk to the children about it.

If you have anything that you wish to discuss with us, we will be available at the end of the school day at 3:15 to talk to you or you are welcome to book a more formal meeting.



The topic for this term is 'Roman Rampage'. We will be finding out fascinating information about things such as: where Italy is and famous landmarks in Italy.

For the rest of the term we will be doing lots of exciting things such as: how the Roman empire developed, the effect of Roman invasion on Britain, artefacts and replicas from Rome, Roman Gods and Goddesses, Mount Etna, Gladiators, Soldiers and the Army and we are even hoping to reenact our own Roman battle!

The aim of the Topic is to inspire the children to explore a historic theme with curiosity and to understand and appreciate contrasting ways of life.



If you would like to give your child a head start with our topic, please look up Horrible Histories Romans on Youtube and watch a selected episode. Have a chat with your child about any new facts they have discovered!

Also look out for two school trip letters which both have hands-on experiences planned in.



Science

SOUND

- Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.

- Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

STATES OF MATTER

- Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases

English

When reading:

- Use skimming and scanning to identify key ideas and answer questions from a text.
- Confidently talk about the effects of different words and phrases to create different images and atmosphere

- Read between the lines, using clues from action, dialogue and description to explain what characters are thinking/feeling

When writing:

- Use a comma to mark a pause in a complex sentence and punctuate speech accurately
- Identify the main and subordinate clause in a sentence, and use pronouns, powerful verbs and fronted adverbials

History

- Know about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

- Know about life in Ancient Rome, including entertainment, food, the arts and architecture

- Know about life as a Roman soldier and why the Roman army was so successful

- Know about Hadrian's wall and Boudicca

Geography

- Locate the world's countries, focusing on Europe

- Use maps and atlases to locate countries and describe features (in Europe)

- Describe and understand volcanoes, settlements and economic activity, past and present, in Italy

Year 4

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Rampaging Romans!

RE

Christianity

- Places of worship
- The role of the vicar

DT

- When making a catapult, use tools, like hacksaws, and strengthening techniques
- Make Roman chariots by attaching wheels using an axle
- Measure and weigh ingredients when making Roman bread

Art

- Know about great architects and designers in history (Romans)
- Improve drawing, painting and sculpture skills when creating mosaics, artefacts and designing shields
- Use contrasting colours when stitching a Roman purse

ICT

- Databases
- Algorithms

Maths

- Know and use times tables facts to 12x12

- Multiply and divide 2digit numbers by 1 digit numbers
- Measure area using squared paper, draw shapes with a specific area and compare the area of shapes

- Keeping rhythm

Music

- Gymnastics
- Rugby

PE